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For: TAILORING RESIDUAL STRESS AND HARDNESS DURING DIRECT METAL DEPOSITION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 4, replace "April 10, 1997" with "--June 30, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,122,564--.

Respectfully submitted,

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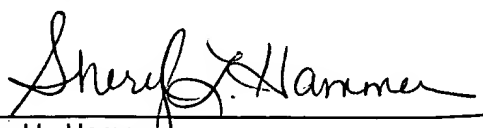
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